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SUBJECT: SECURITY MPP

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1. APPRECIATE DIFFICULTY LINING UP FIRST-RATE SPEAKERS FOR TIME FRAME OF MPP AS NOW PROJECTED. IF STILL POSSIBLE PROCEED WITH MEANINGFUL SPEAKER GROUPING FOR MPP PER REFTEL, PLEASE PROCEED. IF TIME LIMITATIONS LIKELY FORCE TOO MANY LESS-THAN-IDEAL COMPROMISES, SUGGEST PROCEED INSTEAD TO SECURE BEST AVAILABLE SPEAKERS FOR INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMMING IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER AGAINST OUR CP OBJECTIVE TWO. WOULD THEN WORK UP PLAN FOR ANOTHER MPP IN FIRST OR SECOND QUARTER FY-78.

2. IN PURSUING MPP PANELISTS, NEED KEEP IN MIND THAT US-SOVIET CAST OF MPP DEVELOPED FROM COMPOSITION PANEL CU CAME BACK WITH EARLIER (REF. B PARA 2). KEY JAPANESE WE EXPECT IN MPP AUDIENCES ARE RE-EXAMINING BASIC ASSUMPTIONS OF MAJOR POWER RELATIONS AFFECTING ARMS RACE/DISARMAMENT, FUTURE OF DETENTE, REPORTED SOVIET PACIFIC NAVAL BUILDUP, U.S. POST-VIETNAM FORCE RESTRUCTURING INCLUDING KOREA TROOP WITHDRAWAL, AND PUBLIC DEBATE ON MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS IN U.S. AND SOVIET WEAPONRY DURING COURSE OF WHICH SOME CREDIBILITY ACCRUING TO THEME OF DISAPPEARING NUCLEAR
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3. POST PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN SCHELLING AND NATHAN WHITE AMONG REFTEL SUGGESTIONS ALTHOUGH AGENCY IN BEST POSITION DETERMINE OVERALL EXPERTISE FOR THE MPP. OUR OTHER SUGGESTIONS WOULD BE STANLEY HOFFMAN, ALVIN RUBINSTEIN (PENNA.) OR ADAM ULAM (HARVARD). IF

PANEL FOR MPP INCLUDES NOTED, DYNAMIC SPEAKERS FOR
OTHER FIELDS, LOW-KEY BUT AUTHORITATIVE SOVIET AFFAIRS
SPECIALIST LIKE STATE'S RAY GARTHOFF WOULD FIT WELL.
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